

Cinemas

1 Jan 1910 Cinematograph Act 1909 came into force 95

Albert Hall, Commercial Road

23 Dec 1910	Cinematograph Licence issued to John Street	95
27 Feb 1912	Licence granted to Mr I Street	41
29 Dec 1912	Closed	41

Albert Road

1923	[21410] Cinema for Southsea Picture Playhouse Co Presumably planned only	95
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Apollo, Albert Road

1911	[18783] Albert Road electric theatre for Queens Electric Theatre Co Ltd	95
1911	[18878] Albert Road electric theatre for Apollo Electric Theatre Co	95
27 Feb 1912	Licence granted to William Stevenson & Henry Hann	95
6 Apr 1912	Opened, sat 500	41
7 Apr 1912	Opened	
12 Nov 1912	Licence transferred to Apollo Kinematic Theatre	41
1913	Cinematograph Licence issued to Apollo Kinematic Theatre	95
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph Licence issued to Apollo Kinematic Theatre, sat 532	95
1914	Directors William Stevenson, 86 Palmerston Road; Henry Hann, 139 Victoria Road North (Director of Portsmouth Hippodrome); Willian Marshall, 38 Clarence Parade. Architect James Bartlett, London. Issue of 2000 shares of £1 and 3700 6% Mortgage Debentures of £5, in order to buy 21-27 Collingwood Road to enlarge the cinema	117
1914	[19728] Collingwood Road enlargement of cinema for Apollo Cinema Ltd	95
1915	Apollo Electric Theatre, T Donoghue, 42 Albert Road	1
1916-1922	Cinematograph Licence issued to Apollo Kinematic Theatre, sat 904	95
1916	Extended, seats 904	41
1919	[20368] extension for Apollo Cinema Co Ltd	95
1919	Canopy 40' long added	95
1920	[20368] extension for Apollo Cinema Co Ltd	95
1924-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to Apollo Kinematic Theatre, sat 1254	95
1928-1946	Apollo Kinematic Theatre (Southsea) Ltd	1
1935	Extended after taking over neighbouring Primitive Methodist Church	1
12 Dec 1939	Licence transferred to Associated British Cinemas	41
	Had Art Deco interior until taken over	9
1948-1951	Apollo Cinema (ABC Cinemas Ltd)	1
1953-1971	Essoldo Cinema, 42 Albert Road	1
1973-1976	Classic Cinema, 42 Albert Road	1
29 Nov 1975	Closed	215
1976/7	Plans to build three screen cinema, supermarket and leisure centre Demolished and flats built on site	9

Arcade Picture Palace, Commercial Road

1910	Opened	41
12 Jan 1910	Arcade Picture Palace Ltd	41
23 Dec 1910	Licence transferred to J.W.Mills	95
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to John Mills	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to John Mills	95
1913	[19465] additions for J.W Mills	95
1913	[19611] The Arcade enlargement of Picture Palace by F Corke for J.W Mills	95
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph licence issued to John Mills, Sat 500	41
1914-1925	7-11 The Arcade, Cinematograph licence issued to John Mills, Sat 500	95
1915	17 Arcade	1
1917	[20273] Pay Box & Shutters by F Aylen for J.W Mills	95

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1919	[20386] Fountain Street engine house by F.T Aylen for J.W Mills	95
1920	[20452] Arcade Picture Palace alterations by F Aylen for J.W Mills	95
1921	[20845] Arcade Picture Palace 4 stall urinal & WC for J.W Mills	95
1922	[21041] Arcade Picture house Lavatory for J.W Mills	95
1936-1940	Arcade Picture House, 17 Arcade	1
10 Jan 1941	Bombed	41

Bijou, 112 Fratton Road/Dorset Street

1910	[18081] Fratton Road Cinematograph Hall for A White	95
23 Sep 1910	Licence granted to Mr Harry White	95
23 Dec 1910	Mr H.E.N White has died, application to George William Beacon, 8 Queens Road, executor	95
1911	The Bijou Picture Hall	1
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to George Beacon	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to George Beacon	95
1913	[19595] Fratton Road, Bijou alterations & additions by John Lay & Co for Gaiety Picture Palace Co	95
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph licence issued to Frank Pearce, sat 260	95
1914-1915	The Bijou Picture Hall, 112 Fratton Road	1
12 Oct 1915	Licence transferred to Mr Harding	41
11 Jan 1916	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Albert Lofting, 61 Harley Street, sat 260	95
9 May 1916	Licence transferred to Mr G.W Beacon	95

Castle Picture Palace, Fairground, Arundel Street

19 Jan 1910	Portable Cinema, licence Thomas Day	95
	Square tent with wooden facade	215
31 Dec 1912	Closed	41

Castle Picture Palace, Fairground, Highland Road

23 Dec 1910	Cinematograph Licence issued to Thomas Day, jnr	95
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Cinenews, Commercial Road

8 Sep 1936	Licence granted	41
14 Sep 1936	Opened, Capital & Provincial News Theatres Ltd	41
1936	Sat 458	41
1937	Cinenews, 151 Commercial Road	1
11 May 1937	Renamed Classic	41
13 Jul 1937	Licence transferred to Unique Cinemas Ltd	41
1938-1948	Classic Cinema, 151 Commercial Road	1
1951-1958	Classic Cinema (Capitol & Provincial News Theatres Ltd)	1
29 Jan 1959	Name changed to Portsmouth Cartoon Cinema	41
1960-1971	ClassicCinema, 151 Commercial Road	1
	Demolished	

Chipperfields, Jones Yard, Arundel Street

19 Jan 1910	Licence granted for portable building, James Chipperfield	95
Dec 1910	Closed	41

Commercial Road, 141

1915	[20071] {141} Commercial Road Cinematograph Theatre for E.S Edgar	95
1915	Licence to Mr E.S Edgar refused for 141 Commercial Road	95

Commodore, Fawcett Road

See Southsea Electric

Copnor Electric Cinema

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1911	[18652] Copnor Road, Copnor Electric Theatre by E & A Sprngs	95
1911-1918	Copnor Road/Powerscourt Road	1
25 Jul 1911	Licence granted to Mr T Langdown	41
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Thomas Langdon	95
12 Nov 1912	Licence transferred to Mr F Champion	41
24 Dec 1912	Licence transferred to The Southsea Electric Theatre Co. Ltd	41
1913-1922	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Sidney Trivess, 37 Milton Road, Sat 308	95
1915	Copnor Electric Theatre, S Trivess	1
1918	Copnor Electric Theatre	1
1922	[21079] Copnor Theatre, Copnor Road WC by Tanner Bros for S Trivess	95
1923-1924	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Jones, 37 Milton Road, sat 308	95
1925	Cinematograph licence issued to Edgar Frederick Thorndyke, 42 Vernon Road, sat 308	95
1928	Copnor Electric Theatre, E Thorndyke	1
9 Oct 1929	Licence transferred to Mr J Smithson	41
26 Nov 1929	Closed	41
	Became foyer to new Tivoli Cinema	41
21 Dec 1929	Licence granted to Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd	41
1929	Tivoli	192
15 May 1933	Closed for fitting of balcony, re-seating and building of car park	41
26 Jun 1933	Re-opened, sat nearly 2,000	41
1934-1940	The Tivoli (Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd), 117 Copnor Road	1
by Nov 1941	Closed	41
	Used as a store	41
10 April 1945	Re-opened	41
1946-1953	The Tivoli (Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd), 117 Copnor Road	1
1956-1958	The Tivoli Cinema (Essoldo Circuit Ltd), 117 Copnor Road	1
	Site later filling station/garage	41
2001	Flats and houses built on site	

Eagledrome, New Road

1911	[18690] Cinematograph Theatre by T White	95
1911	[18750] WC to cinema by T White	95
29 Aug 1911	Licence granted to Mr A White	41
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Archibald White	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Archibald White	95
1914-1918	Cinematograph licence issued to Archibald Thomas White, 44 Milton Road, sat 200	95
1915	[20130] New Road additions to Cinematograph Theatre by White Bros for H.W White	95
1915	Eagle Picturedrome	1
1918	Charles Tarrant from Chatham, wife May played piano, cinema had benches from old church	9
1918	Eagle Picturedrome	1
1918-1919	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Charles William Tarrant, 29 Delamere Road, sat 200	
14 Jan 1920	Closed and moved to Lake Road, see Music Halls	41
	Later bakery, now engineering works	
2013		
	Pianist Lilian Constant	9
	Pianist May Tarrant	9

Eastney Electric Theatre, Eastney Road

1910	[18239] Eastney Road Cinematograph Hall by Cook & Bamber	95
25 Oct 1910	Licence granted to Mr Henry John Cook & Mr Charles Stephen Bamber	95
23 Dec 1910	Licence granted to Mr Henry John Cook & Mr Charles Stephen Bamber	95

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1911	Eastney Road/Devonshire Avenue, Mr S Trivess	1
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Sidney Trivess	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Charles Bamber	95
1914-1916	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Charles Bamber, 302 Twyford Avenue, sat 500	95
1916	[20226] Eastney Electric Theatre alterations	95
1915-1923	Mr Charles Bamber	1
1917-1925	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr H.J Cook, 58 Stubbington Avenue, Sat 500	95
1925	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr E.J.Baker & Son, sat 500	41
1928	Eastney Electric Theatre, V.E.Baker	1
10 Dec 1929	Licence transferred to Mr E Baker	41
1931	Sat 829	41
3 Feb 1932	Renamed The Regal	41
1934-1936	Regal Cinema and Café, E.J.Baker & Son	1
1937-1940	Regal Cinema, E.J.Baker & Son	1
12 Sep 1939	Licence transferred to Mr V Baker	41
11 Dec 1945	Licence transferred to Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd	41
	Stage was styled like a house with green grass bank, flowers, garden wall and gate	9
1946-1951	Regal Cinema, Frank Spickernell	1
1953-1962	Essoldo Cinema	1
27 Nov 1963	Closed	41
	Demolished	
	Site now shops	

Fawcett Road

1915	[20061] Picture House by Frank Corke	95
1920	[20061] Picture House, Fawcett Road/Rugby Road by F Corke	95
	Proposed only?	

Forum, Stamshaw Road

See North End Electric

Fratton Electric Theatre, Goldsmith Avenue

1910	[18043] Cinematograph Hall for George Peters & Co {could be this}	95
19 Jul 1910	Licence granted to Fratton Electric Theatre Ltd	95
23 Dec 1910	Licence granted to Fratton Electric Theatre Ltd	95
1911		1
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Fratton Electric Theatre Ltd	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Fratton Electric Theatre Ltd	95
1914	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr F Pearce. Sat 240	95
1915		1
1916-1917	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr John Percy Barlow, 5 Kings Road, sat 240	41
29 Jan 1918	Closed	41
1922	[21057] Goldsmith Avenue conversion of cinema to club for British Legion	95
1922	[21081] {Goldsmith Avenue} Fratton Electric conversion of cinema to club by F Corke for British Legion	95
1924	[22078] 2 Goldsmith Avenue additions to club by Frank Corke & Co for British Legion	95
1923-1951	British Legion Club	1
	Demolished	

Gaiety Picture Saloon, 217 Commercial Road

1905	Converted to shop	9
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	1907	Opened as cinema	9
	1910	[18037] 217 Commercial Road additions for W Keast	95
	1910	[18244] Commercial Road Cinematograph Hall for W Keast	95
22 Feb	1910	Planning permission, Cinema, William Keast	41,95
	1910	Built for William Keast, showman and Klondyke Goldminer	9
	1911	Built for William Keast by John Lay, to seat 150	9
	1911	217 Commercial Road	1
	1912	Cinematograph licence issued to William Keast	95
	1913	Cinematograph licence issued to William Keast	95
8 Dec	1914	Cinematograph licence issued to William Keast, sat 150	95
	1915	217 Commercial Road	1
	1916-1917	Cinematograph licence issued to William Keast, sat 150	95
29 Jan	1917	Closed	41
		Converted into Keasts Pram and Toyshop	9
		Site later David Greigs	9
		Pianist Lilian Constant	9
23 Dec	1910	Cinematograph Licence issued William Keast for 302 Commercial Road, {Gaiety Music Hall 292-294?}	95

Gaiety Picture House, Highland Road/Albert Road

	1923	Cogswell	40
	1923	[21388] Highland Road cinema for L Zeid	95
5 Feb	1924	Opened	215
	1924-1925	Licence granted to Mr L Zeid of 53 Victoria Road South, sat 1050	95
	1928	Gaiety Theatre, Louis Zeid	1
8 Sep	1931	Licence transferred to Associated British Cinemas	41
13 Jun	1933	Licence transferred to Regent Circuit Ltd	41
	1934-1937	Gaiety Theatre, Albert Road	1
8 Jan	1935	Licence transferred to Mr Miller	41
13 Jul	1937	Licence transferred to Associated British Cinemas	41
	1939	Gaiety Cinema, Albert Road	1
13 Sep	1938	Licence transferred to Mr Zeid	41
12 Dec	1939	License transferred to Mrs R Hyman	41
	1946-1951	Gaiety Cinema, 251-253 Albert Road	1
27 Jan	1959	Closing down	41
Jun	1960	Front to be demolished and building converted into supermarket	9
		Gateway later Somerfield and then Co-op	

The Globe Picture House, Fratton Road

	1913	[19442] Electric Theatre for W Pannell in Fratton Road	95
29 Apr	1913	Licence granted to Mr Pannell	95
	1913	[19561] Fratton Road alterations & additions to Cinematograph Theatre for W Pannell	95
11 Aug	1914	Globe Electric Theatre, sat 543	95
	1915	Globe Electric Theatre, William Pannell	1
	1914-1921	Cinematograph Licence issued to William Pannell, 86 Fratton Road, sat 543	95
	1922-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to G.H.C Pannell & V.W Pannell, trading as Pannell Bros of 44 St David's Road, sat 543	95
	1918-1923	Globe Electric Theatre	1
	1928-1936	Globe Electric Theatre, Pannell Bros	1
13 Apr	1937	Name changed to The Rex, licence transferred to Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd	41
	1937-1940	Rex Cinema (Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd)	1
9 Dec	1941	Closed and used as furniture store	41
10 Jul	1945	Reopened sat 468	41
	1946-1951	Rex Cinema (Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd., Proprietors)	1
	1953-1967	Rex Cinema (Essoldo Circuit Ltd)	1

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1971	Rex Cinema	1
	Curzon Cinema Club	9
1973	Classic Cinema	1
	Classic International Film Theatre	9
1975	Tatler Cinema	
1976	The Tatler	1
	The Classic	9
1983	Shoot Pool, Pool Club	9
Sep 1999	For sale due to retirement of owner	9
2000	Empty	
2000	Application for demolition	9
Sep 2001	Demolished	
	Flats built on site	
	Pianist Lilian Constant	9

Grand Cinema, Arundel Street

1910	[18030] Arundel Street Cinematograph Hall for Cinematograph Hall Syndicate {could be here}	95
1911	[18530] Arundel Street hall for Landport Electric Theatre Co Ltd	95
25 Jul 1911	Licence granted to Landport Electric Theatre Ltd	41
1911	[18723] Arundel Street engine house for Landport Electric Theatre Co Ltd	95
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Ronald Pyke for Landport Electric Theatre Ltd	95
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Harry Walter Waterman	95
1911-1918	Landport Electric Theatre	1
1914-1921	Cinematograph licence issued to Harry Walter Waterman, Lynmouth, Haslemere Road, for Landport Electric Theatre Ltd, sat 473	95
1921	[20795] Arundel Street engine house for directors of Arundel Street Cinema	95
1922-1925	Cinematograph licence issued to Richard James Scott, 54 Tredegar Road, sat 473	95
1928	Grand Cinema	1
10 Dec 1929	Licence transferred to Mr H Malcolm	41
6 Dec 1930	Closed	41
1931	Bought by Elim Movement	9
	Bought for £1,000, orchestra pit converted into baptistry	9
1934-1971	Elim Tabernacle	1
Jan 1960	Refronted	9
2 Jul 1960	Re-opened by General Secretary of Elim Churches, Rev Greenway	9
1965	Refronted	9
1976	Elim Pentecostal Church	1
1980	Interior refurbished, air conditioning installed and church reroofed. Cost £75,000. Builders and architects Mead Construction	9
17 Aug 1980	Reopened	9
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Kings Road

1913	16 Kings Road, Cinematograph Licence issued to Portsmouth Live Shooting Ranges Ltd	95
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Majestic, Kingston Road

1920	[20557] Cinema for R Stokes	95
5 Dec 1921	Opened	215
1922-1924	Licence granted to Mr R.W.G Stokes of 87 Highgate Road, sat 1286	95
1925	Licence granted to Mr R.W.G Stokes of Rockville, Stakes Hill Road, Waterloooville, sat 1286	95
1928-1940	Majestic Picture Palace	1
1946-1948	Majestic Picture Palace, 223 Kingston Road	1

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1949	For Sale	9
1951-1960	Essoldo Cinema (Essoldo Circuit Ltd), 223 Kingston Road	1
1962-1975	Essoldo Cinema, 223 Kingston Road	1
	Became Classic	41
6 Dec 1973	Closed	41
1976	Upper floor became snooker hall with Randalls nightclub downstairs	
1995	Re-opened as Club Espirit	9
	Night club closed	
	Used as matrial arts centre/snooker club	
	Closed	
2014	Refurbished as S2Club, 4 snooker tables, 2 pool tables, darts, table tennis, TV & private function rooms	9
Lake Road		
1912	Cinematograph Licence issued to William Hancock for moveable building	95
Lake Road		
1913	Application for Cinematograph Licence for proposed theatre near Lake Road Baptist Church by Smith & Smith	95
Lion Terrace		
1913	[19427] proposed electric theatre for Lyric Theatre Co	95
London Road		
1914	[19836] London Road, cinema for Portsmouth Picture Palladium Ltd	95
North End Electric Theatre		
1911	Built	9
1912	[19187] Stamshaw Road Electric Theatre by E & A Sprigings for North End Electric Theatre Co Ltd	95
23 Dec 1912	Opened	1
24 Dec 1912	Licence granted to Mr Beaumaurice Sprigings	95
1913	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Beaumaurice Sprigings	95
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Beaumaurice Sprigings, Sat 350	95
1915-1923	North End Cinerama, Stamshaw Road	1
1916	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Beaumaurice Sprigings, 58 Winstanley Road, sat 350. North End Cinerama	95
1916-1920	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr W Pead, 73 Kingston Crescent, sat 350. North End Cinerama	95
1920	[20587] Stamshaw Road additions to cinema for W.J Parlett {W.J Parlett was also licensee of Mother Shipton}	95
1921	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Parlett, sat 350	95
1922	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr W Pead, 73 Kingston Crescent, sat 350. North End Cinerama	95
1924-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr W Pead, 73 Kingston Crescent, sat 500. North End Cinema	95
1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr W Pead, 73 Kingston Crescent, sat 500. Empire Cinema	95
8 Oct 1929	Licence transferred to Mr Bowden	41
10 Dec 1929	Licence transferred to Mr Thurlow	41
1930	Bought by Alfred Levison	9
13 May 1930	Licence transferred to Mr Levison	41
1930	Sat 594	41
1934-1937	Empire Cinema, Stamshaw Road	1
12 Jul 1938	Reopened as The Forum Cinema	41
1940-1958	Forum Cinema, Stamshaw Road	1
11 Feb 1958	To close	41

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11 Feb 1959	To close	9
28 Feb 1959	Closed	215
Feb 1967	Closed	9
May 1968	Sold for use as warehouse	9
	Furniture Store	41
	Burnt out	
1994	Demolished	
	Site now housing	

No 6

2005	Started in boathouse no 6 in the Dockyard	9
April 2009	Closed	9
Jul 2009	Re-opened by Simon Middleton and Mrs Siri Finess	9
Jan 2011	Closed	9

Odeon, London Road

14 Dec 1936	Opened, Odeon Theatres Ltd, seats 1824	41
	Cost £30,000 sat 2,000	9
1938	62 London Road, Odeon (Portsmouth) Ltd	1
1973	Converted to three screens	
1990	Main screen split forming four screens	
1999	All four screens reseated, Dolby Surround sound on screens one and four, exterior renovated, cost £500,000	9
10 Jan 2007	Closing night, sold on condition not to be used as cinema	
2012	Foyer converted to Sainsbury Supermarket	
2013		

Odeon, Highland Road

	Built by Frank Privett	215
7 Dec 1937	Licence granted to Odeon (Southsea) Ltd, sat 1688	41
14 Dec 1943	Odeon Theatres Ltd	41
1977	Changed name to Salon	
1981	Split into two screens	
1983	Closed	
1985	Demolished	

Palace Picture House, Commercial Road

1920	[20586] application for cinema by J.G Woods at 36 Commercial Road	95
1920	Canopy to be erected by Portsmouth Town Cinemas Ltd	95
1921-1925	Licence granted to Portsmouth Town Cinemas Ltd, sat 643	95
	Architect A.E Cogswell	40
1923-1948	The Palace Cinematograph Theatre, 32-36 Commercial Road	1
1951-1973	Palace Cinema (Portsmouth Town Cinemas Ltd), 32-36 Commercial Road	1
1975-1976	Palace Cinema, 37-39 Guildhall Walk	1
	Closed	
1984	Sold to Matchstore Ltd for £147,000 for conversion into Nightclub	9
2000	Became a listed building	
2003-2010	Route 66, night club	
2011	Pure, night club, Atmosphere Bars & Clubs Ltd	
Sep 2013	Bought by Luke Betts & Alistair Ritchie, renovated and opened as The Astoria	9
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Palladium Picture House

Lake Road, see Music Halls

Paragon Picture Palace, Lake Road (Next to Salvation Army)

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	Open before 1910	41
1910	H.E.N White	95
23 Dec 1910	Mr H.E.N White has died, application to George William Beacon, 8 Queens Road, executor	95
1911-1923	26 Lake Road, The Paragon Picture Show	1
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to George Beacon	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to George Beacon	95
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph licence issued to George Beacon, sat 300	95
1916	Cinematograph licence issued to George Beacon, sat 300	95
1917	Licence transferred from George Beacon to E Martin	95
1917-1925	Cinematograph licence issued to E Martin, 200 Lake Road, sat 300	95
1922	[21097] The Paragon Picture House, Lake Road WC & Urinal by J Lay & Co for G.W Beacon	95
1927	Closed by 27 th October	41
1928-1934	Paragon Temperance Billiard Hall, 26 Lake Road	1
The Pavilion, Lake Road		
1912	[19234] Cinematograph Hall in Lake Road for A Eisner	95
1912	Built	9
24 Dec 1912	Licence applied for by Mr King for Gale & Polden, refused	41
25 Dec 1913	Licence refused for Mr King and Mr Eisner	41
	Became Shooting Gallery, later funfair	41
1915	Rifle Range, 16 Lake Road	1
1918	Cinema Shooting Gallery, 16 Lake Road	1
1968	Bombed out shell still standing next to Painters Arms	9
	Demolished	
Plaza Cinema, Bradford Junction		
	Built on site of two cottages	9
1 Oct 1928	Plaza (Portsmouth) Ltd, sat 1750	41
10 Feb 1931	Licence transferred to Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd	41
	Bradford Junction	
	Seats 1,700	9
1928	Built	9
Jan 1929	Opened? With The Singing Fool the first talkie to be shown in Portsmouth	9
	One wall has painting of Venice the other English scene	9
1931	Renamed the Gaumont	9
1934-1948	The Plaza Cinema (Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd)	1
1951-1964	Gaumont Cinema (Circuits Management Association Ltd)	1
1965	Became bingo hall	9
1967-1976	Moderne Bingo Social Club	1
1985	Bought by Granada	9
1991	Merged with Gala	9
Apr 1997	Closed	9
Apr 1998	For sale possible buyers Priory School, Southsea Mosque	9
20 May 1998	Permission granted for use as Mosque	9
2003-2013	Jami Mosque	
1 Apr 2011	£18,000 Mosaic by Paulsgrove community art group Dot to Dot unveiled by Lord Mayor, Paula Riches. Jami Mosque Library opened	9
Pleasure Palace, 207 Commercial Road		
	Before 1910 Dean & Starr Ltd	41
Jan 1910	Dean & Starr Ltd, London	95
	Closed by end of 1910	41
Portland Hall		

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1910	Cinematograph licence to Miss Clarke	95
23 Dec 1910	Cinematograph licence to Miss Clarke	95
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Miss Clarke	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Miss Clarke	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Winton Wainwright	95
1914-1919	Cinematograph licence issued to Winton Wainwright, sat 800	95

Queens Cinema Theatre, Queen Street

	Former tobacco factory	9
1887	Cavender & Co, Tobacco Manufacturers, 10-12 Queen Street	165
1908	[17362] Application for Biograph Theatre in Queen Street T.H Lambert, {maybe for this cinema?}	95
1913	[19672] Conversion of Tobacco Factory to cinema for Cavander & Co	95
1913	Cinematograph Licence applied for by Mr W.E Trent	95
9 Jun 1914	Licence granted to J.J Martyne, Manager of Queens Cinema Co Ltd, sat 544	95
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph Licence issued to Harry Hector Marytne, 32 Kingston Crescent, sat 544	95
1916	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Harry Martyne Martin, 31 Kingston Crescent, sat 544	95
1917-1919	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr E Martin, 200 Lake Road, sat 544	95
1920-1922	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Louis Zeid, 53 Victoria Road South, sat 544	95
1924-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Louis Zeid, 53 Victoria Road South, Sat 588	41
13 Dec 1927	Licence transferred to Mr F Scott	41
1928	Queen's Cinema, F Scott	1
23 Oct 1928	Licence transferred to Mr H Bingham	41
6 Apr 1931	Closed after owner committed suicide in office	41
14 May 1931	Auctioned	41
	New owners installed new projectors and sound system	9
26 Dec 1931	Reopened	41
1 Jan 1932	New Queens Cinema	41
1934	New Queens Cinema, 10-12 Queen Street, Mrs O.Scott	1
8 Oct 1935	Licence transferred to Mr Benyon	41
11 Feb 1936	Licence transferred to Mr Mears	41
1936-1940	New Queens Cinema, H.Mears	1
11 Dec 1945	Licence transferred to Mr Straggs	41
9 Apr 1946	Licence transferred to Mr Murkins	41
1946	New Queens Cinema, Raymond Stross	1
1948-1951	New Queens Cinema, 10-12 Queen Street	1
1952	Closed	9
	Derelict	
1982	Demolished	9
Oct 1983	Demolished	9

Regent Picture House, North End

1920	[20629] London Road, Cinematograph Theatre, Shops & Halls for J Spickernell	95
1922	[20629] Cinema for The Palace Picture House (Portsmouth) Ltd	95
1923	Regent Super Cinema, 55 London Road	1
31 Mar 1923	Opened	215
1924-1925	Licence granted to Palace Picture House (Portsmouth) Ltd, sat 1908	95
8 May 1928	Licence transferred to QTS Ltd	41
1928	Christie cinema organ installed	9
1928	Regent Theatre, 55 London Road	1
25 Feb 1929	Organ installed	41
8 Oct 1929	Licence transferred to H & G Kinemas Ltd	41

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1929	Sat 1950		41
10 Feb 1931	Licence transferred to Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd		41
1937-1938	Regent Theatre, 55 London Road		1
1946-1951	Regent Theatre, 59 London Road		1
1953-1960	Gaumont Cinema (Circuits Management Association Ltd)		1
5 Dec 1961	To Close		41
1962-1973	Gaumont Cinema (Circuits Management Association Ltd)		1
5 Apr 1974	Demolished		41
	Organists	A.W.Lambert Dudley Beavan Reginald Hayward Max Bruce	9
Saint James Hall, Charlotte Street			
	See Music Halls		
Savoy, Commercial Road			
17 July 1937	Opened as Savoy Cinema, Associated British Cinemas Ltd		9
1938-1973	Savoy Cinema (Associated British Cinemas Ltd), Commercial Road		1
	Architect W.Glen, the cinema sat 1,911		9
1960s	Cinema organ removed to Devonshire Avenue Baptist Church		9
	Organists	Reginald Porter Brown	9
1964	Renovated reopening as the ABC, opening by Wilfred Brambell, Hugh Lloyd and Terry Scot		9
1975-1976	ABC Cinema		1
1982	Split into three screens		
June 1997	Plans to demolish and build shops on site		9
11 Nov 1999	Closed		9
2001	Derelict		
Mar 2002	Demolished		
Scala Picture House, Elm Grove			
1917	[20257] Electric Theatre in Elm Grove for W Pannell		95
8 May 1917	Licence granted to Mr Pannell		41
4 Oct 1920	Opened		215
1921	Cinematograph Licence issued to Pannell, Fratton Road		95
1922	Cinematograph Licence issued to G.H.C Pannell & V.W Pannell, trading as Pannell Bros of 86 Fratton Road		95
1922	Sat 622		41
1924-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to G.H.C Pannell & V.W Pannell, trading as Pannell Bros of 86 Fratton Road, sat 690		95
1928	12 Elm Grove, Pannell Bros		1
26 Aug 1929	Auctioned		41
8 Oct 1929	Licence transferred to Mr Berney		41
10 Jun 1930	Licence transferred to Miss Boulthwood		41
1934	Mrs Boulter		1
1936-1938	Scala Picture House (Rialto (Portsmouth) Ltd)		1
12 Dec 1939	Licence transferred to Basingham Subsidiary Properties Ltd		41
10 Jan 1941	Bombed		41
Shaftesbury Hall			
1909	[17911] Kingston Road alterations to hall by Cook & Bamber		95
1909	[17976] Kingston Road alterations to hall by Cook & Bamber		95
1910	[18004] Kingston Road Cinematograph Hall by Cook & Bamber		95
1910	Former Congregational Church re-designed and emerged as Shaftesbury Hall, cost £8,000		?
24 May 1910	Licence granted to Mr H Cook and Mr G Bamber		41

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23 Dec 1910	Licence transferred to Andrews Ltd	95
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Arthur Andrews	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Arthur Andrews	95
1911-1918	Andrews Pictures Ltd, Shaftsbury Hall, 140-142 Kingston Road	1
1915	Shaftsbury Hall Picture Palace	1
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph licence issued to Arthur Andrews. Sat 730	95
9 Feb 1915	Licence transferred to Mr H Cook and Mr G Bamber	41
1916	[20214] Additions for Shaftsbury Electric Theatre Co	95
1916-1922	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Henry John Cook, sat 730	95
1919	[20367] cinema additions for Mr Cook	95
1924	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Henry John Cook, Sat 1579	41
1925	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr Noel Hobart, sat 1579	95
10 Jan 1927	Licence transferred to Mr Cook	41
1928	Shaftsbury Cinema	1
10 Dec 1929	Licence transferred to Portsmouth Town Cinemas Ltd, Shaftsbury Cinema	41
	Organ installed came from organ school in Princes Street near Oxford Circus. Organist was T Julian Smith	9
1936-1958	Shaftsbury Cinema (The Portsmouth Town Cinemas Ltd), 140-142 Kingston Road	1
1959	Closed and became Bingo Hall	
1960	Shaftsbury Cinema	1
1962-1975	Vogue Bingo & Social Club	1
1969	Balcony converted to small cinema, The Tatler	
1973	Cinema renamed The Vogue	
	Cinema renamed The Classic	
	Cinema renamed The Mecca	
1975	Cinema closed and became a bingo hall	9
2000-2013	Bingo Hall, Arnetts Crown Bingo	
2014	Under threat of closure	

Southsea Electric Theatre, Fawcett Road

1911	[18722] Fawcett Road electric theatre for The Southsea Electric Theatre Co	95
1911	[18791] Fawcett Road electric theatre for Electric Theatre Co by J Harding	95
22 Sep 1911		215
31 Oct 1911	Licence granted to Mr F Champion	95
1912	Cinematograph Licence issued to Francis Champion	95
1912	[19258] Fawcett Road Southsea Electric Theatre Co alterations	95
1913	Cinematograph Licence issued to The Southsea Electric Theatre Co Ltd	95
1914	Canopy to be erected	95
1914-1922	Cinematograph Licence issued to The Southsea Electric Theatre Co Ltd, Sat 763	95
1915	[20018] Engine House for Southsea Electric Theatre Co	95
1916	[20154] Alterations & Additions for Southsea Electric Theatre	95
1920	[20753] Fawcett Road Southsea Electric Theatre alterations and additions by F.J Privett	95
1920	Canopy to be added in Bramble Road	95
1921	[20828] Fawcett Road new balcony by F.J Privett for Southsea Picture Playhouse Ltd	95
1924-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to The Southsea Electric Theatre Co Ltd, Sat 1186	95
1915-1923	Fawcett Road/Bramble Road	1
1928	Southsea Picture Playhouse Co Ltd	1
9 Jan 1926	Renamed The Fawcett Picture House	41
26 Apr 1929	Sold for £10,500	41
23 Jul 1929	Renamed The Capitol Cinema	41
8 Oct 1929	Transferred to Southern Counties Cinemas Ltd	41
13 May 1930	Renamed Commodore Cinema	41

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30 Jun 1930	Fitted with the largest organ in Europe, organist Mr Peirson Webber	41
	Later organist Lew Harris and Tom Lynn	9
	Organ broken up and burnt	9
9 Dec 1930	Licence transferred to Mr H Joseph	41
12 Jan 1932	Licence transferred to Mr E Burns	41
18 Dec 1932	Licence transferred to Associated British Cinemas Ltd	41
1934-1937	Commodore Theatre	1
12 Jul 1938	Renamed The State Cinema, licence transferred to Southsea Entertainments Ltd, sat 1000	41
1940	State Cinema (Southsea Entertainments Ltd), 137 Fawcett Road	1
12 Nov 1940	Closed	41
	Became furniture store	41
1948-1951	Embassy Ballroom	1
	Admiralty Store	41
	Demolished	41
	Site now Embassy Court flats	

Speedwell Picture House

1911	[18515] Commercial Road, Electric Theatre for Provincial Cinematograph Theatres Ltd	95
1912	Speedwell Picture house being constructed cinematograph licence for The Provincial Cinematograph Theatres Ltd	95
1912	[19220] Commercial Road Picture Theatre for Provincial Cinematograph Theatres Co	95
1912	[19320] Commercial Road Picture Theatre for Provincial Cinematograph Theatres Co	95
1913	[19531] Commercial Road Picture Theatre for Provincial Cinematograph Theatres Co by Frank Corke	95
Dec 1913	Opened in Speedwell Buildings, Commercial Road	9
1914-1922	Licence granted to The Picture House, Provincial Cinematograph Theatre Ltd, sat 395	95
1915	Provincial Cinematograph Theatre	1
1920	[20540] Speedwell Buildings, Commercial Road, rebuild picture houses for Provincial Cinematograph Theatre Ltd	95
1923	[21664] Café on corner of Commercial Road/Stanhope Road for Provincial Cinema Co Ltd	95
1923	The Picture House	1
1924-1925	Licence granted to The Picture House, Provincial Cinematograph Theatre Ltd, sat 403	95
14 Dec 1926	Closed	41
26 Feb 1930	Auctioned	41
	Derelict until about 1936	41

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Jan 1910	Fairground, portable cinema, W Symonds	95
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The Strand Kinema, Lake Road

1913	[19645] Lake Road cinema for E Martin	95
12 May 1914	Licence granted to Mr Edward Martin, 133 Arundel Street	95
1914-1925	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Edward Martin, 200 Lake Road, sat 544	95
1915	[20094] Lake Road power building by F Corke for E Martin	95
1918-1923	56 Lake Road, Strand Kinema	1
10 Jul 1928	Licence transferred to Mr J Martin & Mr E Martin Jnr	41
1928	Strand Kinema	1
16 Apr 1930	Closed	41
	The Strand Skating Rink	41

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	The Olympia Skating Rink	41
1940	Olympia Glideromes Ltd, Skating Rink, 56 Lake Road	1
	Phillips Furniture Store	41
10 Jan 1941	Bombed	41
Tivoli	See Copnor Electric Cinema	
Trafalgar, Arundel Street		
	Built by the Pounds family, Torpedo tubes formed the entrance pillars	9
1921	[20817] Arundel Street New Cinema for F.W Pounds	95
1924-1925	Licence granted to Mr Frederick William Pounds of 58 Laburnum Grove, sat 949	95
1924	[21840] Arundel Street Generator House for F.W Pounds	95
1928	Trafalgar Cinema, G Ramsey	1
13 Mar 1928	Licence transferred to Mr G Samuels	41
5 Dec 1929	Renamed The Rialto	41
1 Dec 1931	Closed, redecorated and resealed	41
	Balcony added, for 332	9
26 Dec 1931	Reopened	41
1932	Sat 1250	41
1934	Rialto Cinema, 36-38 Arundel Street	1
10 Sep 1935	Licence transferred to Rialto (Portsmouth) Ltd	41
1936-1940	Rialto Cinema (Rialto (Portsmouth) Ltd), 36-38 Arundel Street	1
13 Jul 1937	Resealed	41
10 Jan 1940	Bombed	41
Troxy Super Cinema, Fratton Road		
8 Dec 1936	Opened Licence Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd, sat 1407	41
1937-1940	Troxy Cinema (Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd), 121-127 Fratton Road	1
11 Nov 1941	Closed used as Store	41
10 Sep 1946	Reopened, sat 1926	41
1948-1951	Troxy Cinema (Tivoli (Portsmouth) Ltd)	1
	Closed	
1953-1966	Troxy Cinema (Essoldo Circuit Ltd)	1
1967-1971	Troxy Bingo Club	1
1973-1976	Essoldo Bingo & Social Club	1
	Used as Bingo Hall until replaced by former nightclub in Arundel Street	
	Used as discount store	
Oct 1997	Sold to Kidderminster Footwear for £150,000	9
2013	United Footwear (United Footwear and Kidderminster Footwear are both part of Thomas Blunt Shoes	
Dec 2013	Closing down sale	
Victoria Hall, Commercial Road		
	Ballroom and skating rink	9
5/8/1896	Paul's Original and Only Theatrograph	9
	Established by Arthur Andrews	9
1899	Proprietor George Wallace Ash	1
1900-1908	Irregular animated film shows	9
1902	Edison's animated pictures	95
1908	Became regular cinema	9
12 Jan 1910	Licence granted to Mr W Ash	41
23 Dec 1910	Licence granted to Mr W Ash	95
	Licence transferred to A Andrews	41
1911	Andrews Pictures Ltd	1
1912	Cinematograph licence issued to Arthur Andrews	95
1913	Licence transferred to Mr S Flatau, London	95

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1914-1923	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr S Flatau, London. Sat 1470	95
1924-1925	Cinematograph licence issued to Mr S Flatau, London. Sat 1368	95
1918	[20306] alterations for Wallace Ash Ltd	95
1918	Andrews Pictures, Mr S Flatau	1
1920	[20510] Victoria Hall new covered porch by F Jordan for Wallace Ash Ltd	95
1920	[20480] Victoria Hall alterations for Wallace Ash Ltd	95
1924	Sat 1368	41
11 Dec 1928	Licence transferred to Union Cinema Co. Ltd	41
1928		1
1934-1951	Victoria Hall Cinema (Union Cinema Co Ltd)	1
12 Dec 1939	Seats 1247, now Victoria Cinema	41
1953-1960	Victoria Cinema (Associated British Cinemas Ltd)	1
Mar 1960	Closed	9
Oct 1960	Planning application for demolition and erection of office block	PCC
	See Mercantile House	
	Demolished	
Victoria Pier		
1921	[20960] Reconstruction pier and erection of cinema for T Langton	95